

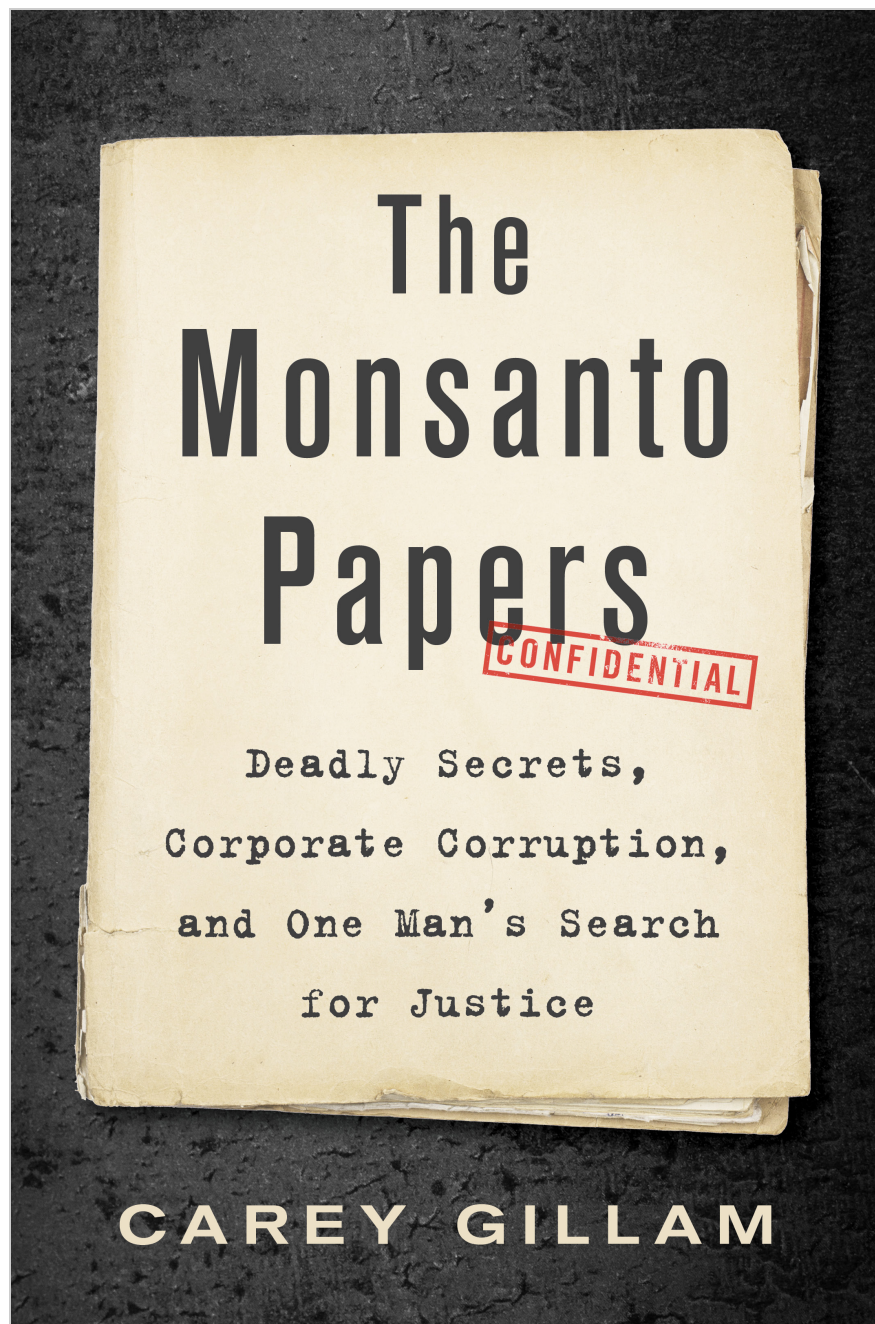


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THE MONSANTO PAPERS: Deadly Secrets, Corporate Corruption, and One Man's Search for Justice

by Carey Gillam

Lee Johnson was a man with simple dreams. All he wanted was a steady job and a nice home for his wife and children, something better than the hard life he knew growing up. He never imagined that he would become the face of a David-and-Goliath showdown against one of the world's

most powerful corporate giants. But a workplace accident left Lee doused in a toxic chemical and facing a deadly cancer that turned his life upside down. In 2018, the world watched as Lee was thrust to the forefront of one the most dramatic legal battles in recent history.

The Monsanto Papers is the inside story of Lee Johnson's landmark lawsuit against Monsanto. For Lee, the case was a race against the clock, with doctors predicting he wouldn't survive long enough to take the witness stand. For the eclectic band of young, ambitious lawyers representing him, it was a matter of professional pride and personal risk, with millions of dollars and hard-earned reputations on the line. For the public at large, the lawsuit presented a question of corporate accountability. With enough money and influence, could a company endanger its customers, hide evidence, manipulate regulators, and get away with it all—for decades?

Readers will be astounded by the depth of corruption uncovered, captivated by the shocking twists, and moved by Lee's quiet determination to see justice served. With gripping narrative force that reads like fiction, *The Monsanto Papers* takes readers behind the scenes of a grueling legal battle, pulling back the curtain on the frailties of the American court system and the lengths to which lawyers will go to fight corporate wrongdoing.

PRAISE FOR *THE MONSANTO PAPERS*

"This remarkable book presents in gripping detail the sordid story of how chemical giant Monsanto worked for decades to suppress, conceal and distort evidence of the health hazards of glyphosate, the world's most widely used herbicide. Told by seasoned science journalist Carey Gillam, The Monsanto Papers blends science and

human tragedy with courtroom drama in the style of John Grisham. It is a story of corporate malfeasance on a grand scale – a chilling revelation of the chemical industry's greed, arrogance and reckless disregard for human life and the health of our planet. It is a must read."

- PHIL LANDRIGAN

Founding director of Boston College's Global Public Health Program

More Praise for *The Monsanto Papers*

"A great read, a page-turner. I was totally engrossed by the deception, distortions, and lack of decency of the company."

- LINDA BIRNBAUM

Former director of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences

"The Monsanto Papers is a powerful story, well told, and a remarkable work of investigative journalism. Carey Gillam has written a compelling book from beginning to end, about one of the most important legal battles of our time. "

- LUKAS REITER

Television producer and writer of Boston Legal, The Blacklist, The Practice, etc.

"An authoritative takedown of a corporation that evidently cares little for public health. Gillam writes convincingly about Monsanto's shameful misdeeds. Examining the nature of mass tort cases and medical malpractice, the gathering of depositions and internal corporate records, jury selection and the trial, the author provides consistent insight into the legal process as well as the moves and countermoves of the lawyers involved. The corporation's deceptive

intent is galling enough, but more shocking is the 'cozy relationship between Monsanto and the EPA laid out so clearly in the employees' own words.' Gillam is especially good at rendering the complex dynamics of the legal personalities, which adds a further humanizing dimension to Johnson's story. "

- KIRKUS REVIEWS

"Veteran investigative journalist Carey Gillam tells Johnson's story in her latest book, The Monsanto Papers, a fast-paced, engaging account of how Monsanto and Bayer's fortunes changed dramatically in such a short span of time."

"She introduces us to Johnson, who after struggling for many years, landed steady work and was building a solid life with his wife and two young kids in Vallejo, California. But by 2014, he was fighting a virulent form of cancer that left him covered with painful skin lesions — and struggled to find out why."

"She takes us to Virginia, where a firm led by a successful husband-wife team of trial lawyers was looking for its next big moneymaking lawsuit. "

"Despite the subject matter — complicated science and legal proceedings — The Monsanto Papers is a gripping read that provides an easy-to-follow explanation of how this litigation unfolded, how the jurors reached their verdict and why Bayer appears to be, in effect, throwing up a white flag now."

"Gillam uses transcripts of trial testimony and key depositions to good effect, pointing out how Monsanto executives said one thing to one another and something else to the public — not unlike how the tobacco industry behaved for decades."

– ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

"Gillam has 'written what I can only describe as a blockbuster, right up there with page-turning thrillers by John Grisham. I could not put this book down, and cannot recommend it highly enough.'"

– MARION NESTLE

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